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EXERCISE IRON FIST OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT CAMP PENDLETON

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit is scheduled to host the opening ceremony of Exercise Iron Fist at Camp Pendleton, Monday, Jan 23. Iron Fist 2012 is the seventh iteration of this bilateral training exercise between the U.S. and Japanese Ground Self Defense Forces.

The Western Army Infantry Regiment, JGSDF and the 15th MEU are scheduled to conduct various training events to include staff planning and integration, small boat training, equipment familiarization and survival training throughout the month-long exercise.

Exercise Iron Fist reinforces the relationship between the U.S. and Japanese forces, and provides a unique training opportunity for both services.

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MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

Media interested in covering the event must call the 15th MEU Public Affairs Officer, 1st

Lt. Justin E. Smith at 760-725-0183 or email at justin.e.smith@usmc.mil and RSVP no

later than 4:00 p.m., FRIDAY, Jan 20. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet

at Camp Pendleton's MAIN GATE at 7:20 a.m. on MONDAY, Jan 23rd to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least two hours.